GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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R&D in PSUs
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government encourages the PSUs and Indian engineering companies to focus on research and development in order to manufacture advanced farm cultivation, harvesting and food processing machines under 'Make in India' initiative in the county;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated requirement of farm and food processing machines by 2025 in the country;
(c) whether the Government is considering to give subsidy/tax incentives and other kind of incentives to boost the sector in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) & (b): Department of Heavy Industries (DHI) has a Capital Goods Scheme which promotes R&D in various sub sectors of Capital goods by developing Centers of Excellence for Technology Development in association with reputed Technology Institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology and Central Manufacturing Technology Institute.
Thus far no proposal has been received from farm or food processing machinery industry.
As per National Capital Goods Policy, market size of the food processing machinery is Rs. 15,600 crores in the year 2014-15.
(c) & (d): At present, Department of Heavy Industry is not giving any subsidy/ tax incentive to the Food Processing Machinery manufacturing industry

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